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# **Minutes**

# MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION 50 MAPLE STREET, MILFORD, MA 01757 December 2, 2015, 11:00AM

### 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:34am by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

**Board Members Present** 

LaTeisha Adams Guy Licciardi Quion T. Riley Joseph Krowski Jr.

Board Members Absent

Gary Litchfield

**Guests Present** 

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel

2. Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the minutes from November 5, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Krowski Jr. abstained.

- 3. Approval of Suspensions from November 7, 2015 A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from November 7, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- 4. Approval of Suspensions from November 14, 2015
  A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from November 14, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Approval of Suspensions from November 28, 2015 A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from November 28, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

# 6. USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees

Chair Adams stated that this topic will remain on the Agenda as a representative from USA Boxing National will be present via telephone during the January 2016 meeting.

## 7. 523 CMR Review

Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel began the review and revision of the 523 CMR Sections 5 -19.

<u>Section 5 summarization</u>. The definitions of exhibition, contest, and match as they relate to our regulations were reviewed and discussed.

Section 6 summarization. A consolidation in the language and writing was made regarding the requirements for licensure of amateur and professional un-armed combatants. The one-off license (one-night only fighter license) was discussed and its medical requirements for both amateur and professional un-armed combat. The blood requirement was changed to be accepted within 1 year of the event date. The MRI/CT/Neuro was changed to be required by all un-armed combatants seeking licensure within 5 years of the event date. The EKG, dilated eye, and physical were changed also and to be required within 1 year of the event date. It was stated again for the Commission as a reminder that birth certificates are no longer requirements for licensure. Deputy General Counsel also stated that a score keeper would be added to the official's pay scale.

<u>Section 7 summarization</u>. The required meetings of the Medical Board were discussed and also if the number of seats on the board should be changed from five to three members.

<u>Section 8 summarization</u>. The Federal ID and its purpose was discussed and also if the Commission should begin processing Federal IDs for Mixed Martial Arts per the ABC Commission.

<u>Section 9 summarization</u>. The requirement of Bout Agreements/Contracts was discussed along with its purpose and the process in which the Promoter files them with the Commission.

<u>Section 10 summarization</u>. The process in which a Promoter applies for an event date was reviewed along with its requirements of a surety bond and venue inspection certificate. Deputy General Counsel also explained the new online process that will come into effect in 2016 in which all event applications will be processed online.

<u>Section 11 summarization</u>. Admission tickets were reviewed along with the 1 and 4 per cent tax fees that are due from the Promoter and the process in which it is collected by the Deputy Commissioners.

<u>Section 12 summarization</u>. Venue conditions specifically referring to sanitation was discussed per the recently voted on 2015 Advisory as well as glove requirements for amateur and professional unarmed combatants for both boxing and Mixed Martial Arts.

<u>Section 13 summarization</u>. Weight requirements were reviewed for both boxing and Mixed Martial Arts.

<u>Section 14 summarization</u>. Attire specifically referring to women un-armed combatants was reviewed and consolidated with the general requirements for all un-armed combatants. <u>Section 15 summarization</u>. This section on boxing Referees and Judges was reviewed and discussed.

Recess was taken for lunch. Meeting commenced at 1:40pm

<u>Section 16 summarization</u>. The methods of judging Mixed Martial Arts and fouls whether intentional or otherwise were reviewed.

<u>Section 17 summarization</u>. This section regarding un-armed combat contests and exhibitions was reviewed and "cleaned up".

<u>Section 18 summarization</u>. This section on special rules for female combatants was removed and consolidated with the general rules. It was agreed by the Commission that this section did not need to stand alone.

<u>Section 19 summarization</u>. This section on amateur contests and exhibitions was reviewed and discussed and "cleaned up" as it was already stated in a prior section.

- 8. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting N/A
- 9. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 4:04pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting
Draft of Minutes, November 5, 2015
Suspensions from Results, November 7, 2015
Suspensions from Results, November 14, 2015
Suspensions from Results, November 28, 2015
USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees page from official website
Red-line draft of MSAC Regulations